

The history of Portsmouth starts here...

From its beginning in the 1180s as the heart of Portsmouth's original settlement, St Thomas's Cathedral has been integral to the development of Portsmouth as a modern and vibrant city.

- Attacked by the French in 1337
- Damaged by cannon fire in the Civil War
- Original Charles II marriage certificate
- Framed piece of the flag that flew at Trafalgar carried in Lord Nelson's funeral procession to St Paul's, London in 1806.



Unique to this beautiful Cathedral is the nave with its huge arches, pillars and immense feeling of space.

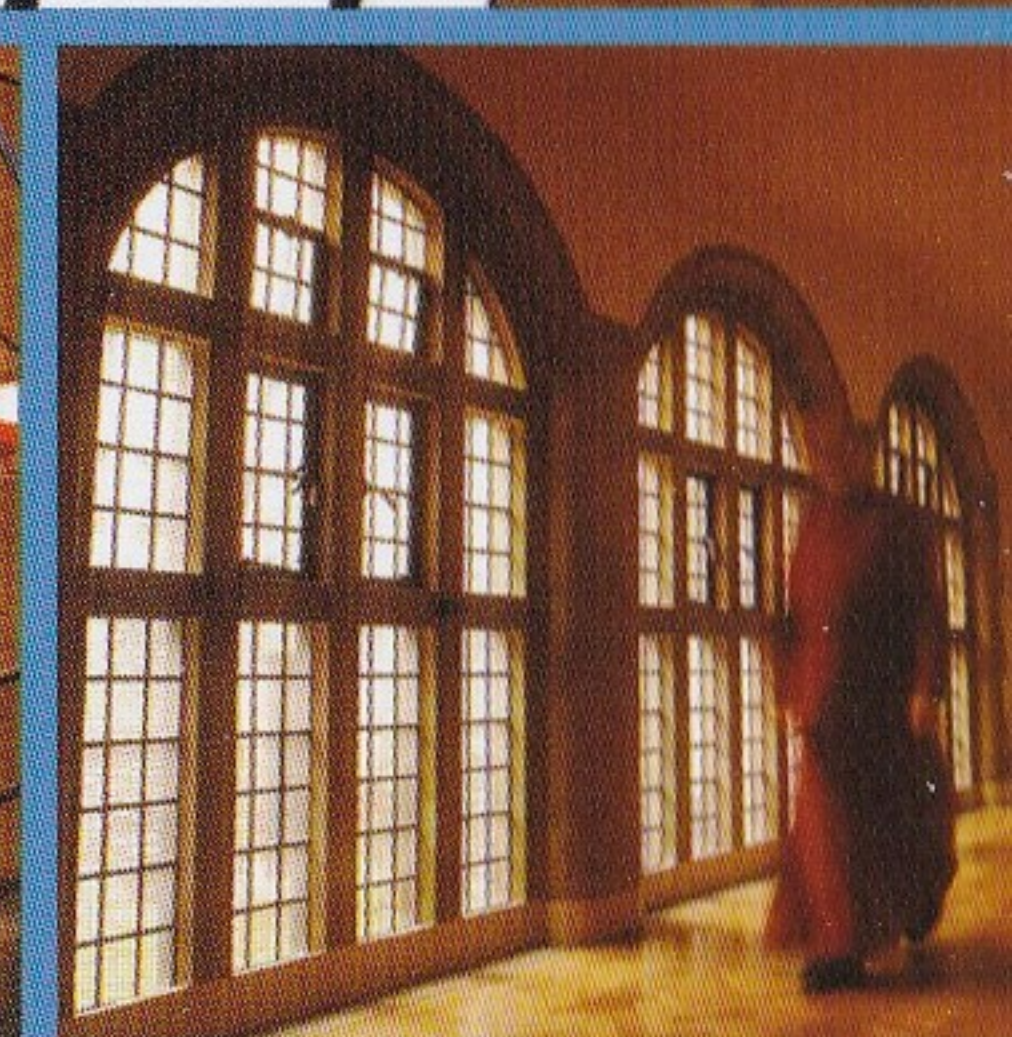
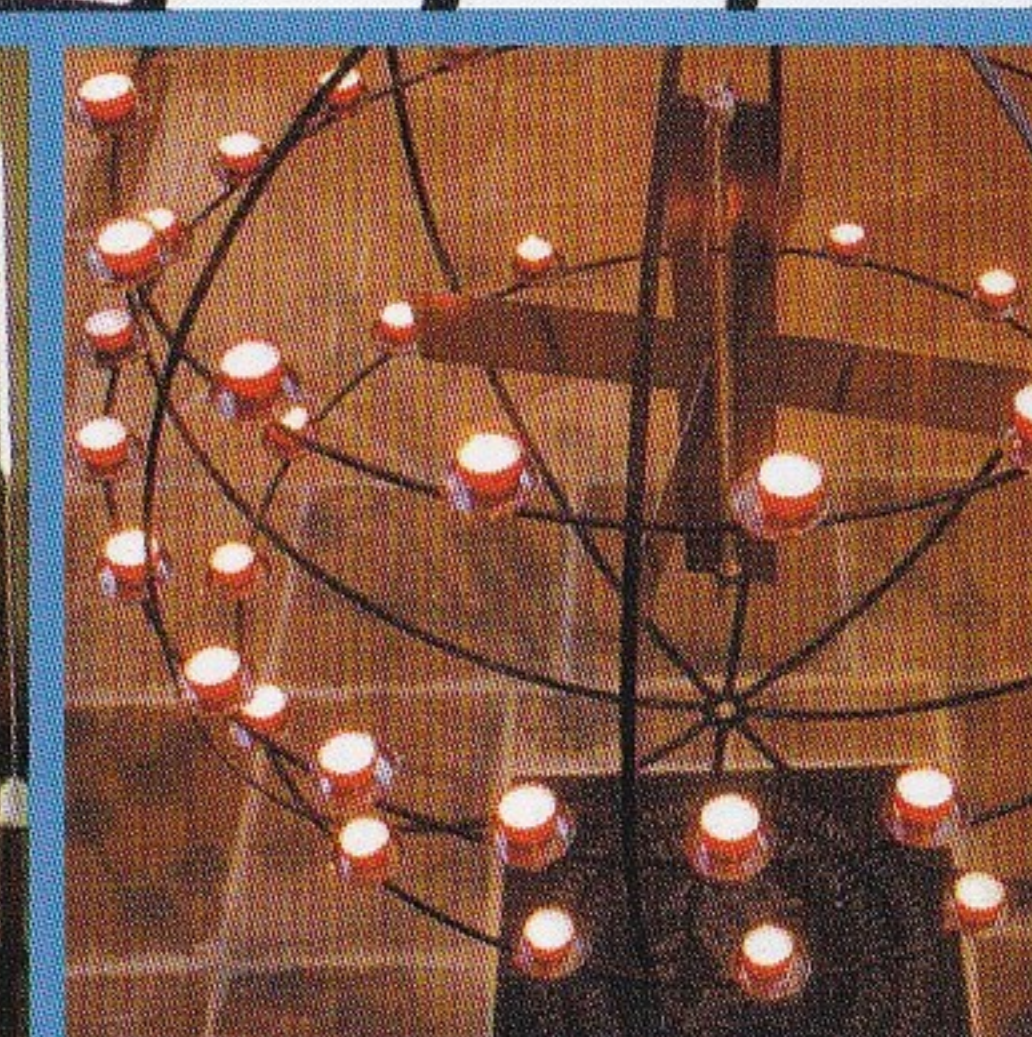
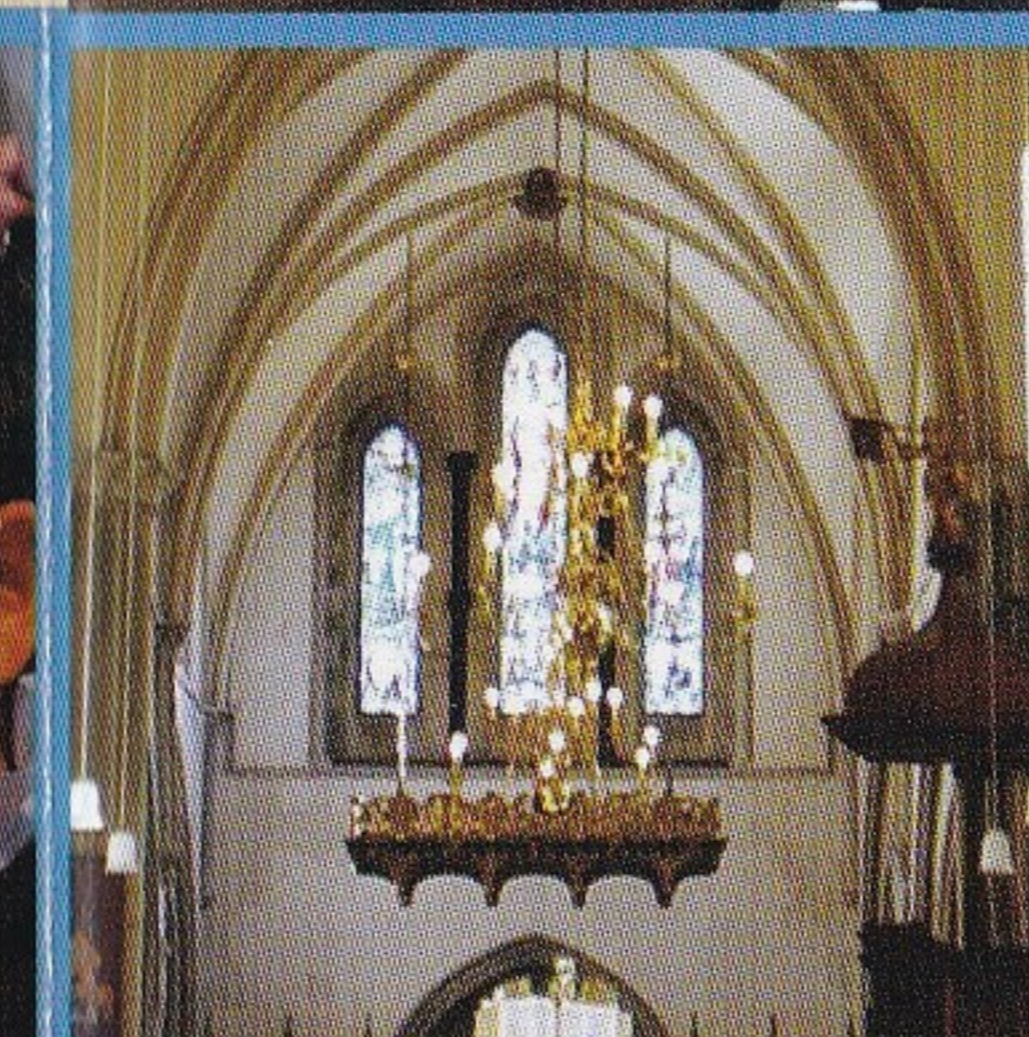
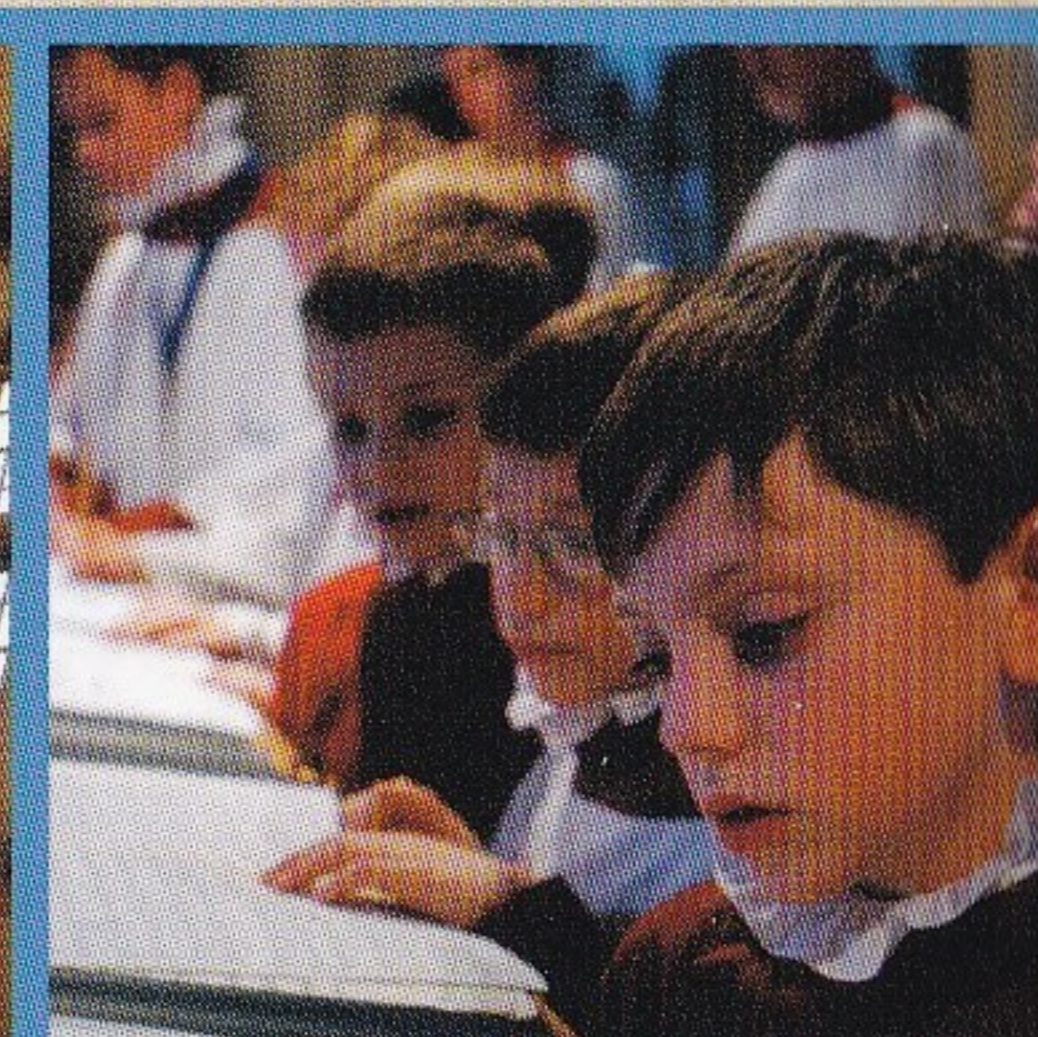
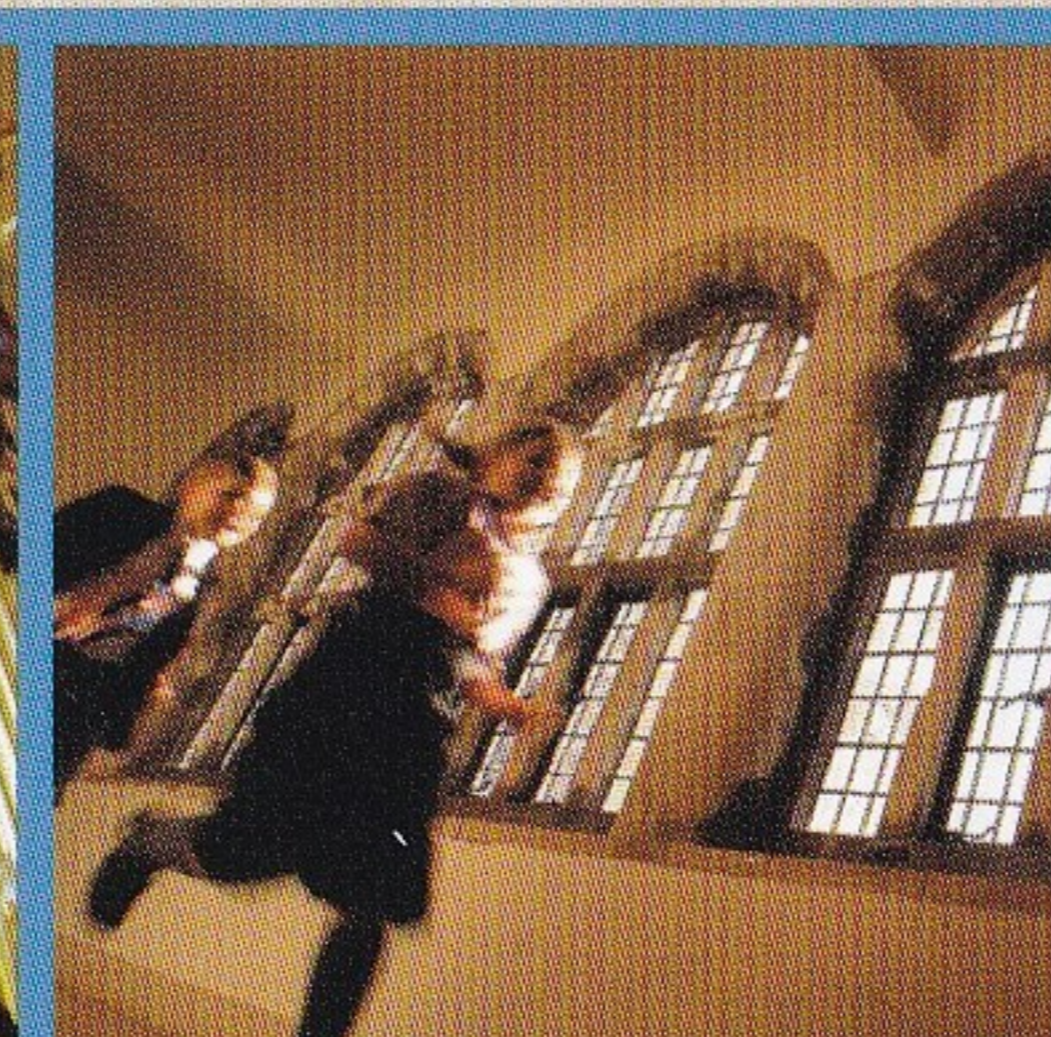
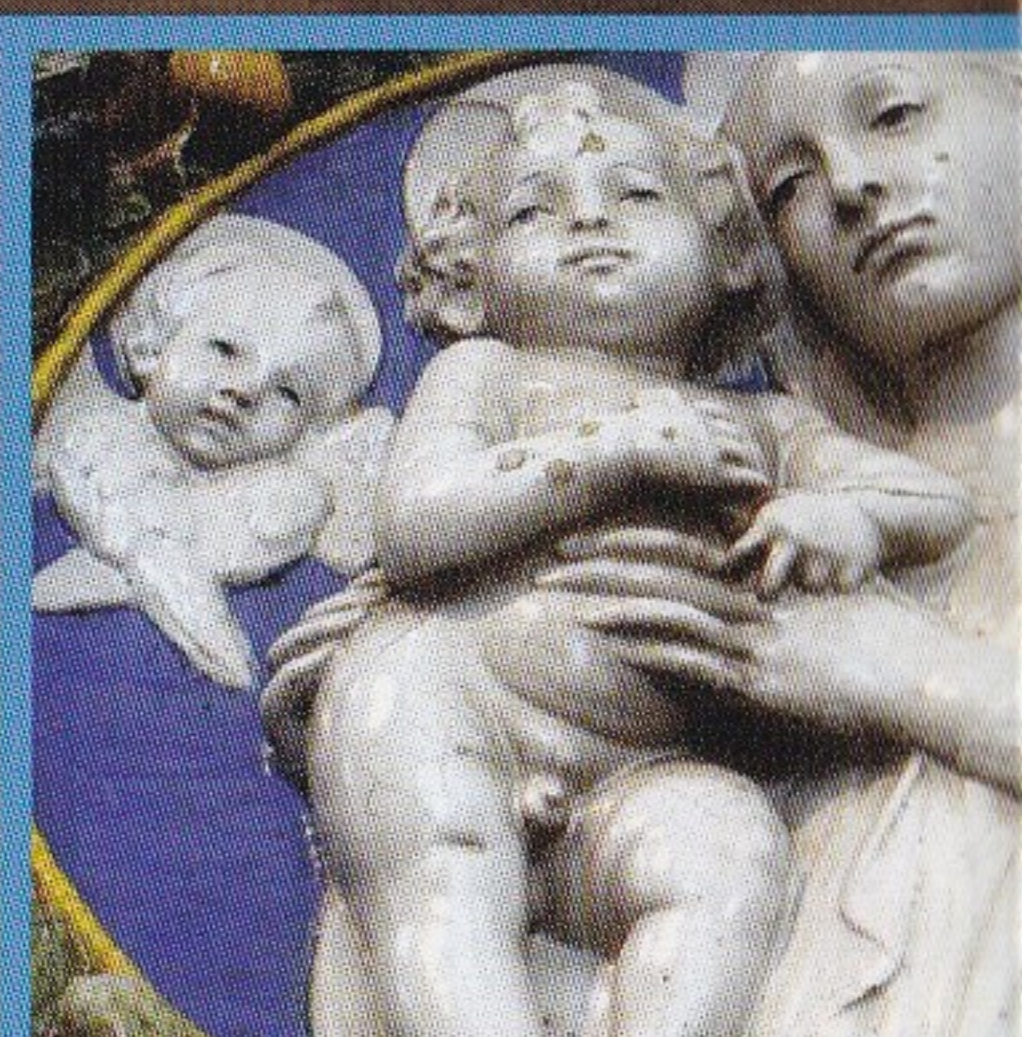
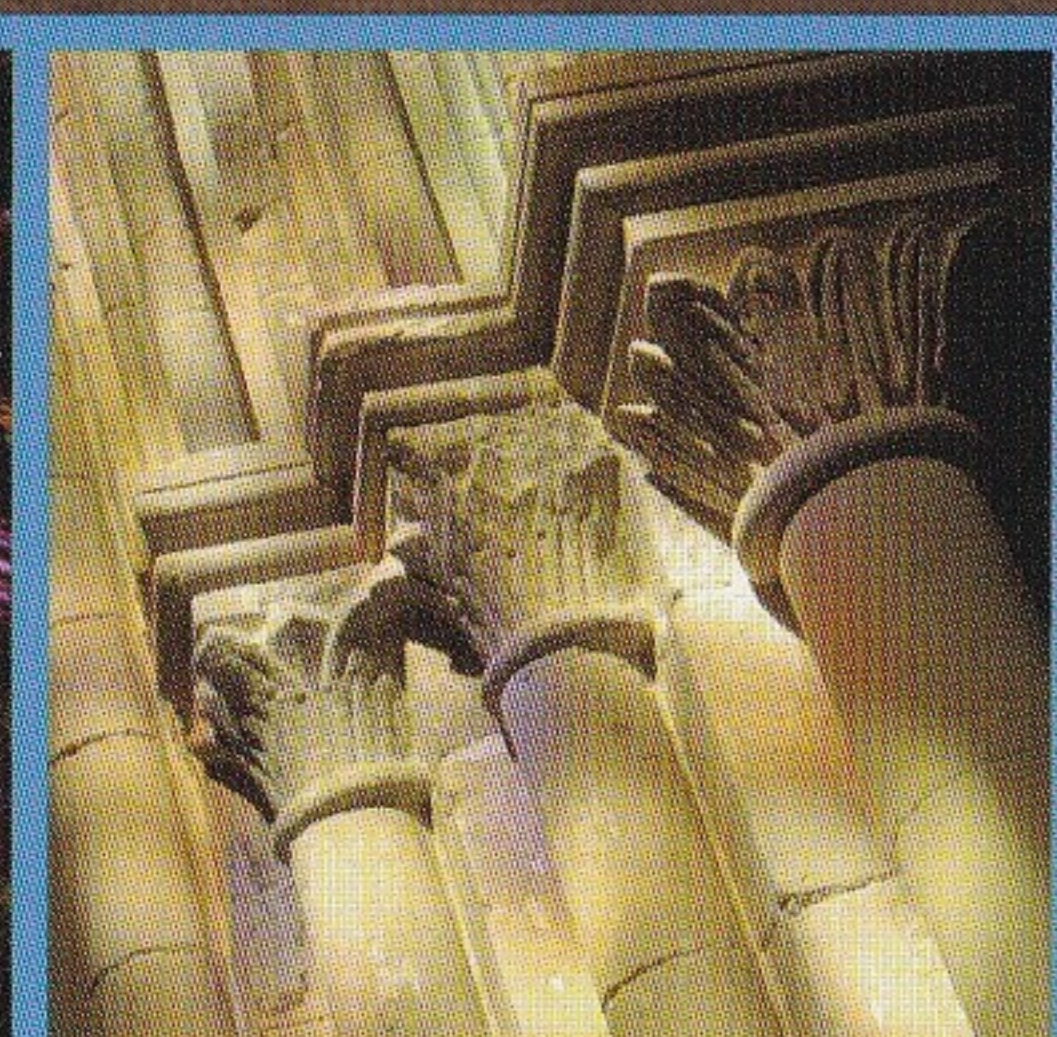
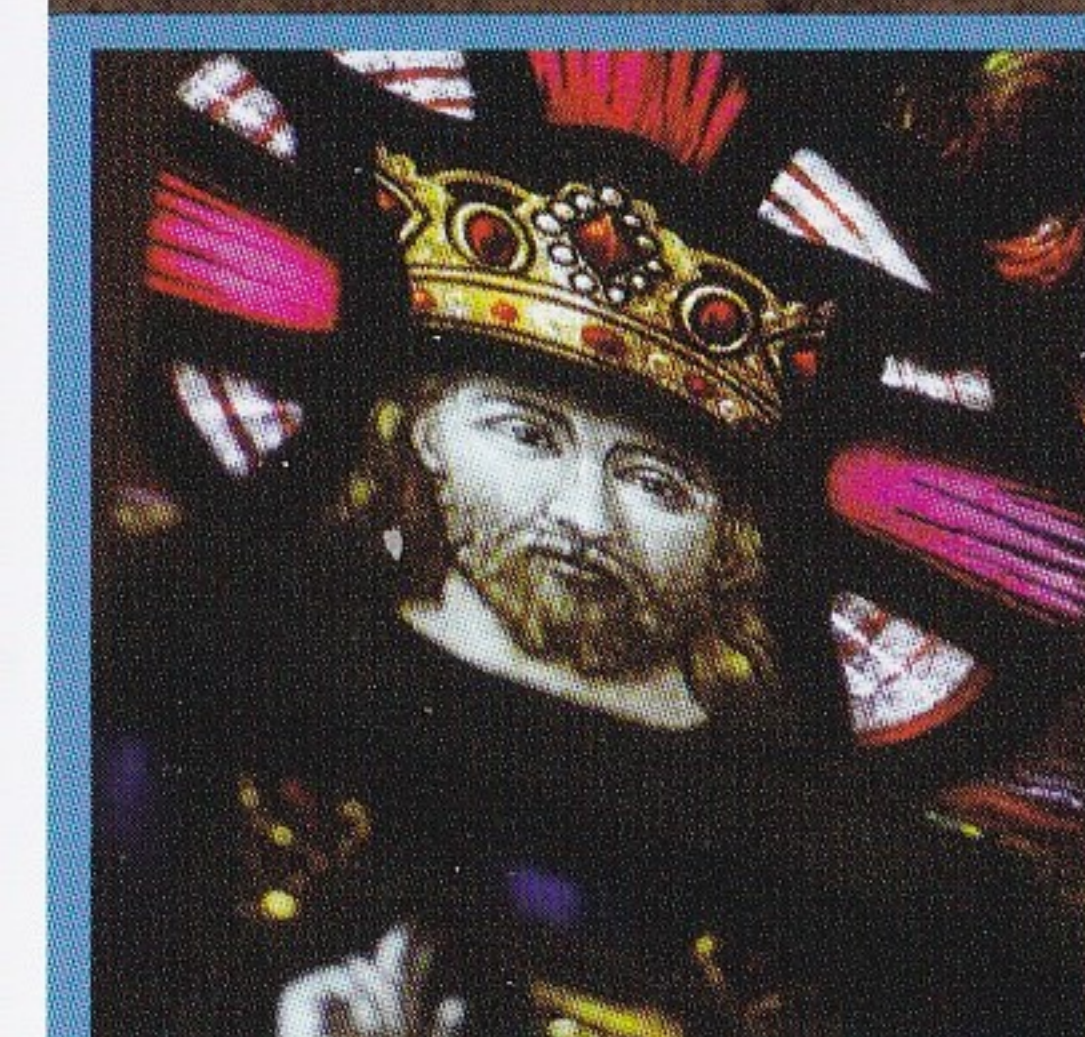
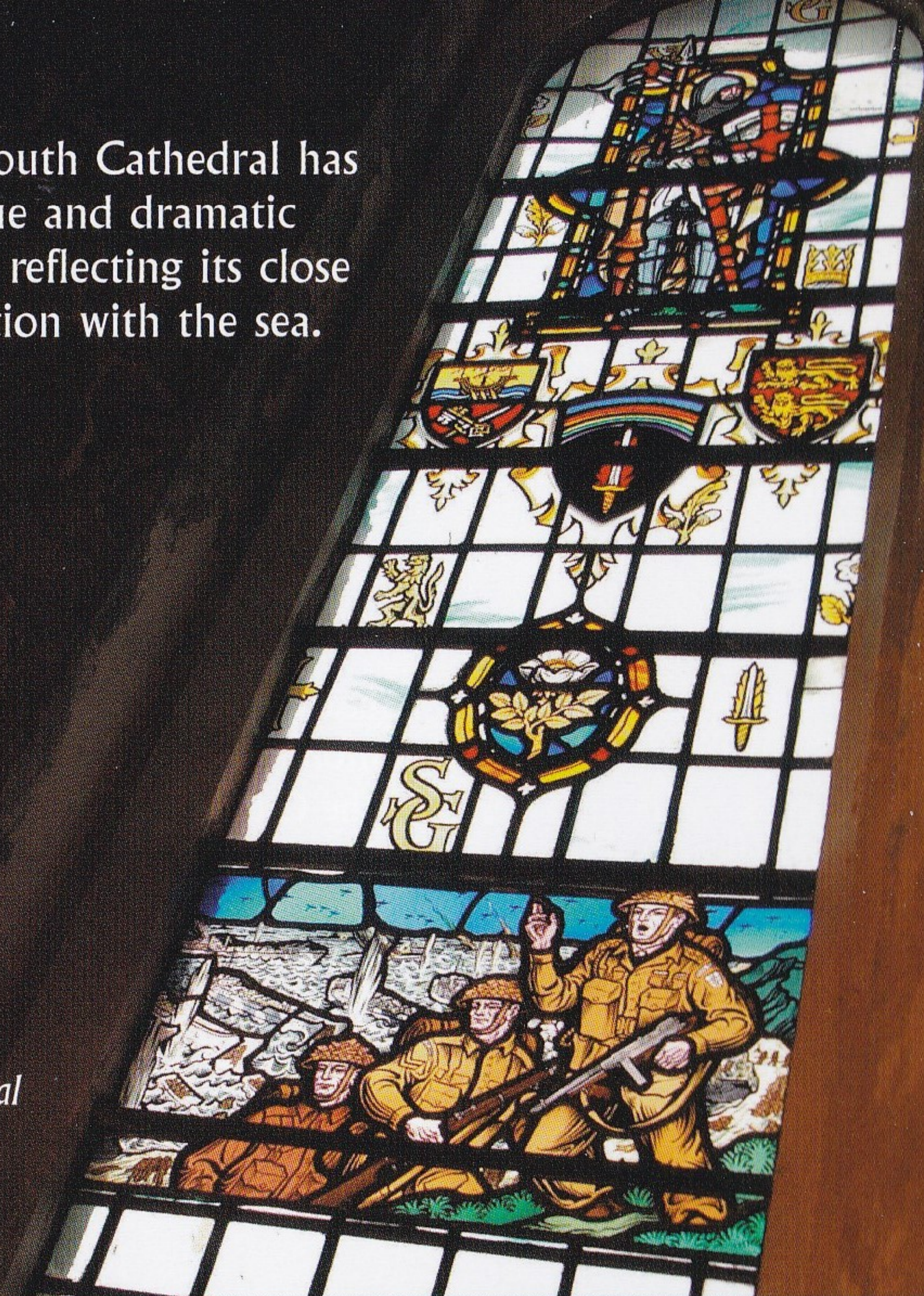
The understated beauty of Portsmouth Cathedral inspires the many visitors that come here. Its light coloured stone and towering bronze doors change their hue with the seasons and with the rising and setting of the sun.

Explore Portsmouth Cathedral where new and old embrace in a seamless portrayal of history and where faith and culture stand side by side.

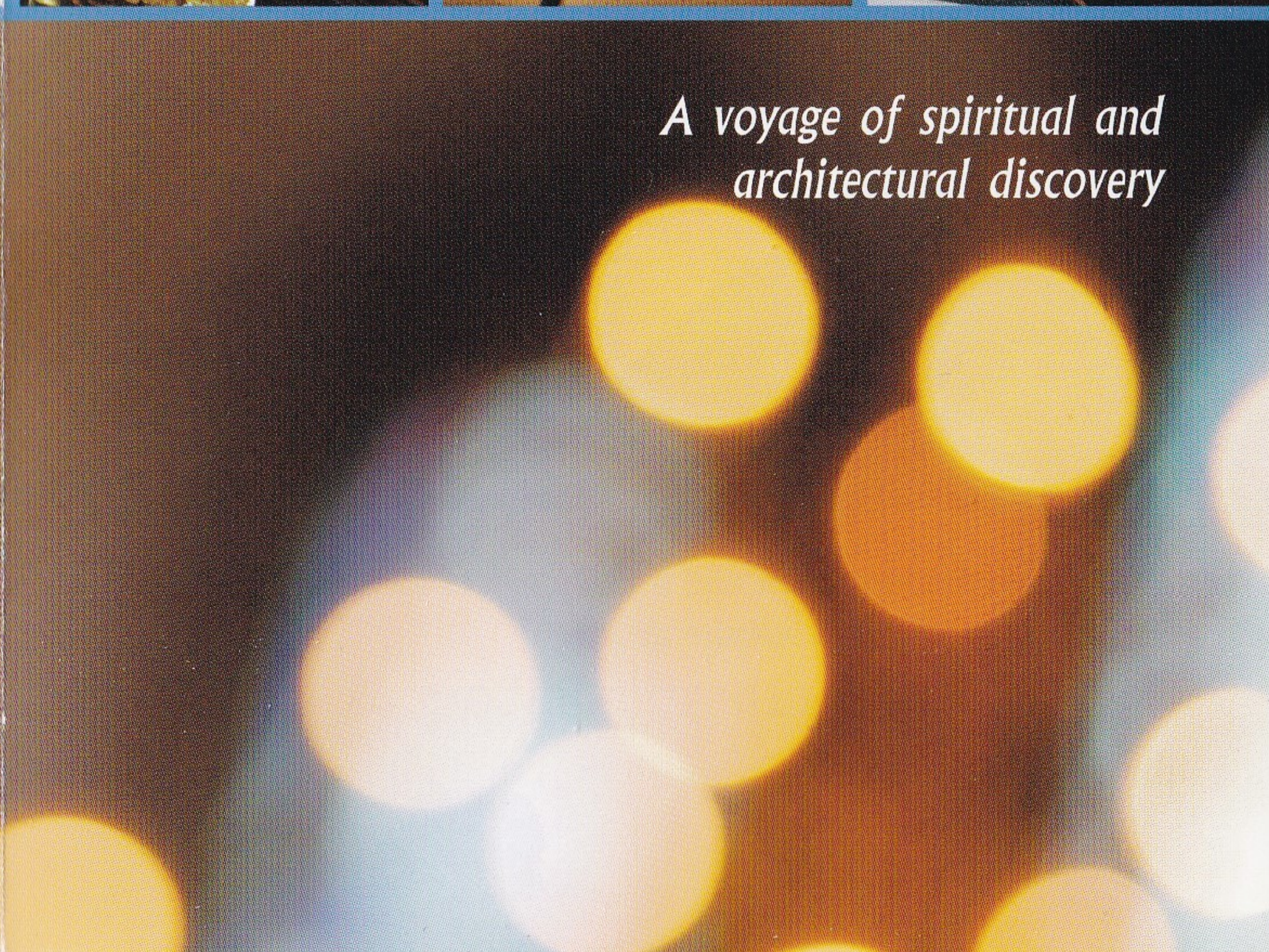
One of the most valued aspects of Portsmouth Cathedral is its welcoming and friendly atmosphere whatever your beliefs and interests.

Portsmouth Cathedral has a unique and dramatic history reflecting its close association with the sea.

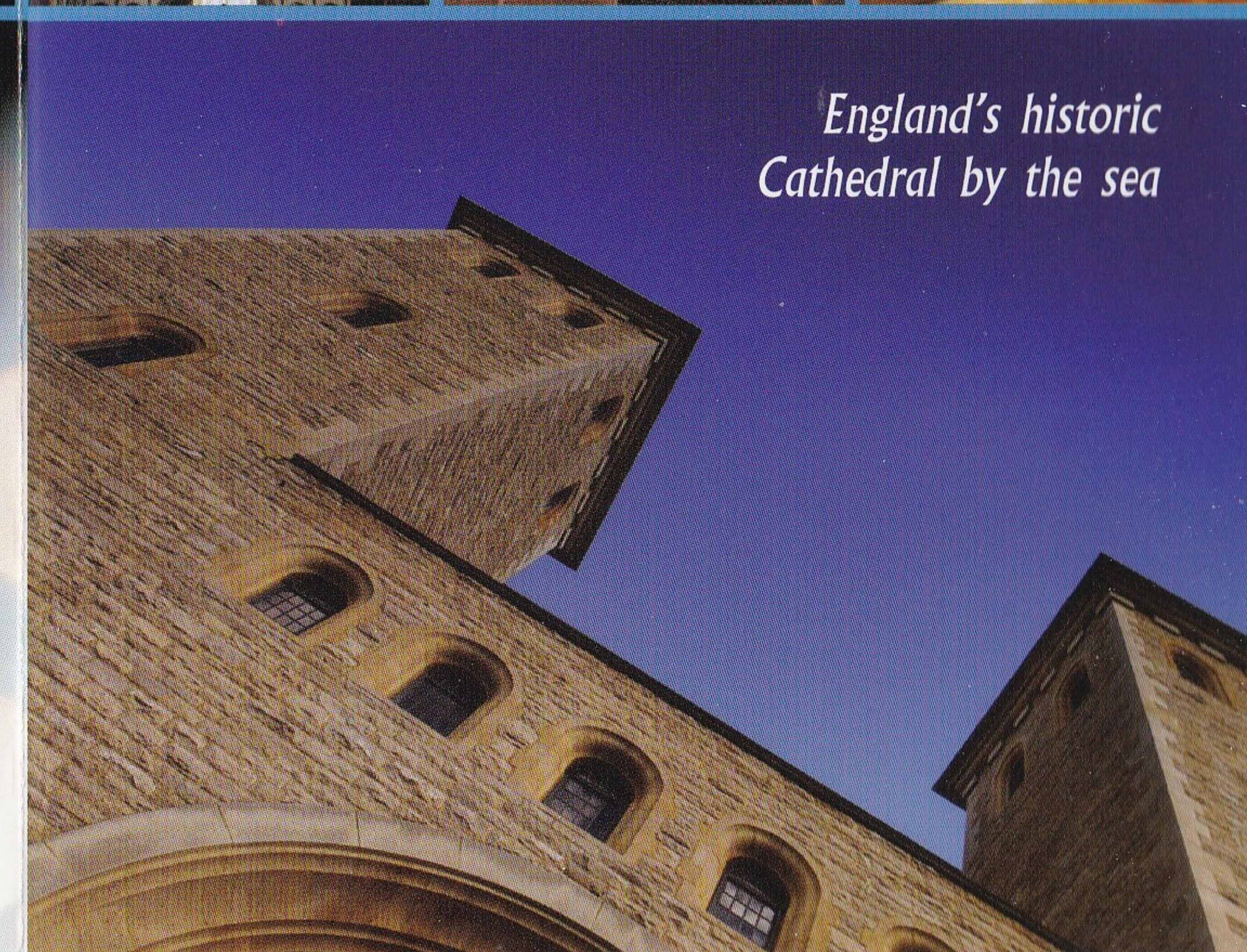
D-Day Memorial Window



A voyage of spiritual and architectural discovery



England's historic Cathedral by the sea



For centuries the Cathedral has watched, listened and helped the people of Portsmouth navigate the passage of time. It has witnessed wars and peace, famous marriages, been bombed and rebuilt. Now there stands a building of greatness and of simple enduring beauty.

The Cathedral is set in the heart of historic Old Portsmouth, close to the seafront and the millennium walkway. The oldest part of the Cathedral dates back to 1185. Jean de Gisors gave land so that a 'glorious chapel could be built in honour of the martyr Thomas of Canterbury'. You can feel the history around you; the humble beginnings, the excommunication, the suffering in the civil war, the coming and going of Kings and Queens; the focal point of a seafaring community.

Why not visit the Cathedral and then visit one of the excellent old world pubs associated with Nelson and historic Portsmouth in which you can sample some fine home cooked food and real ales.

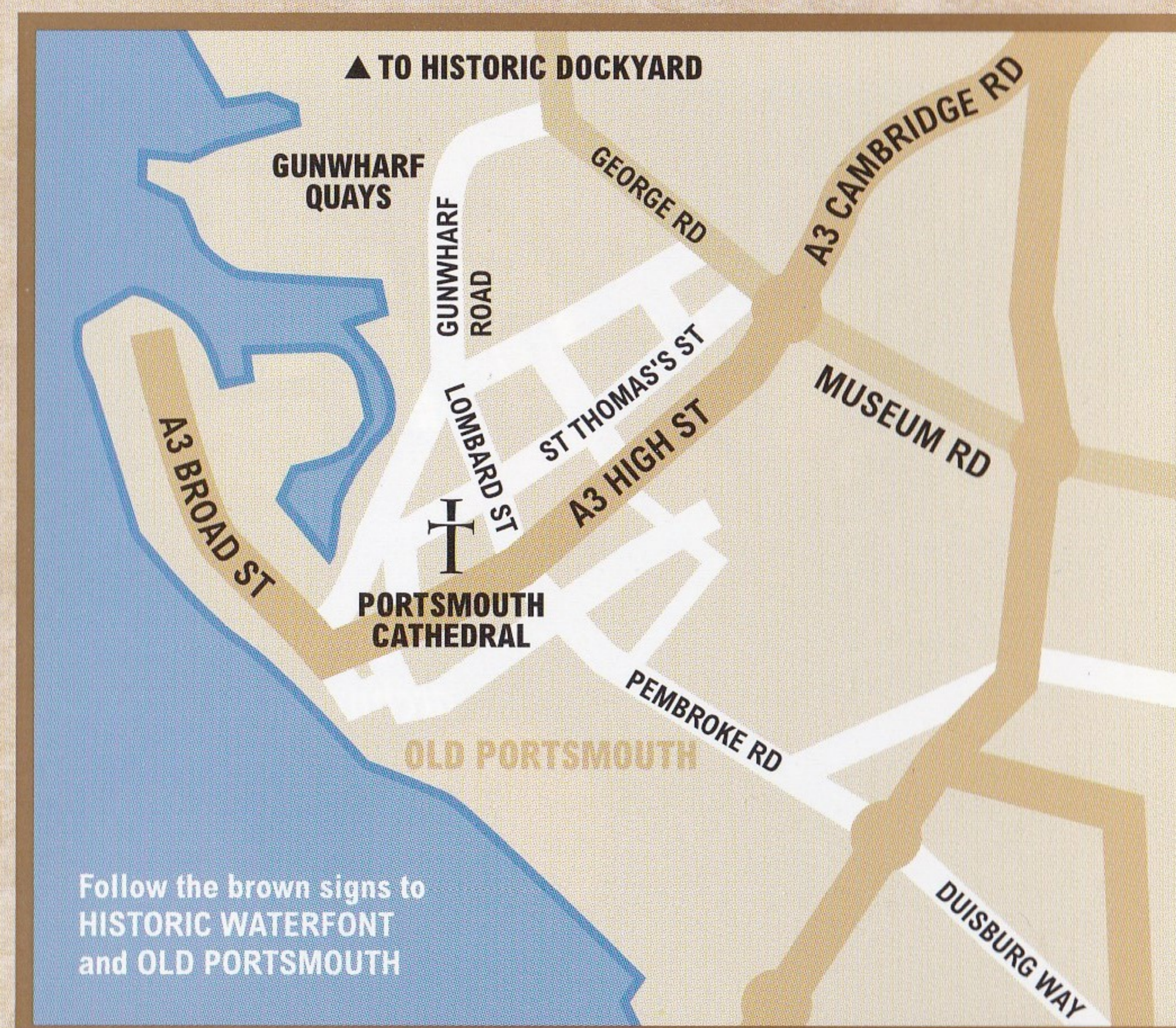
Opening times:

Open for visitors every day from 9am to 5pm. You are welcome to explore the interior of the building on your own, or with a tour guide. For group tours of the Cathedral, school visits or any other special requirements please call:

023 9282 3300

Entry is free, and we invite a donation.

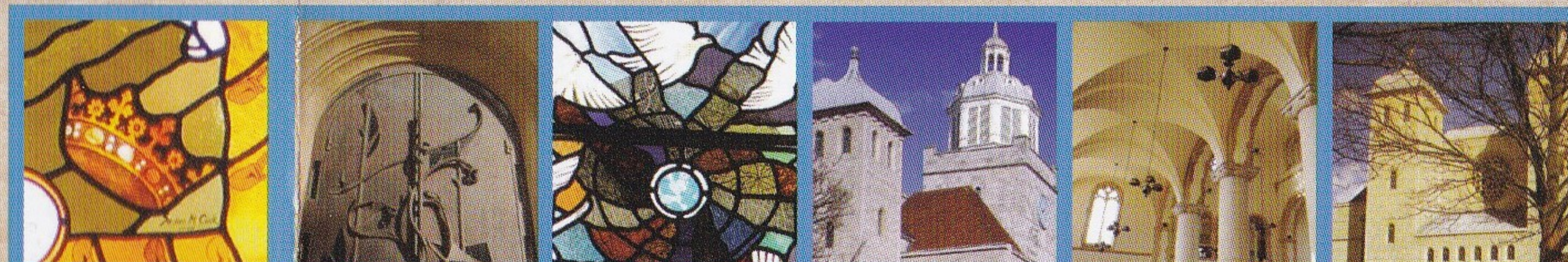
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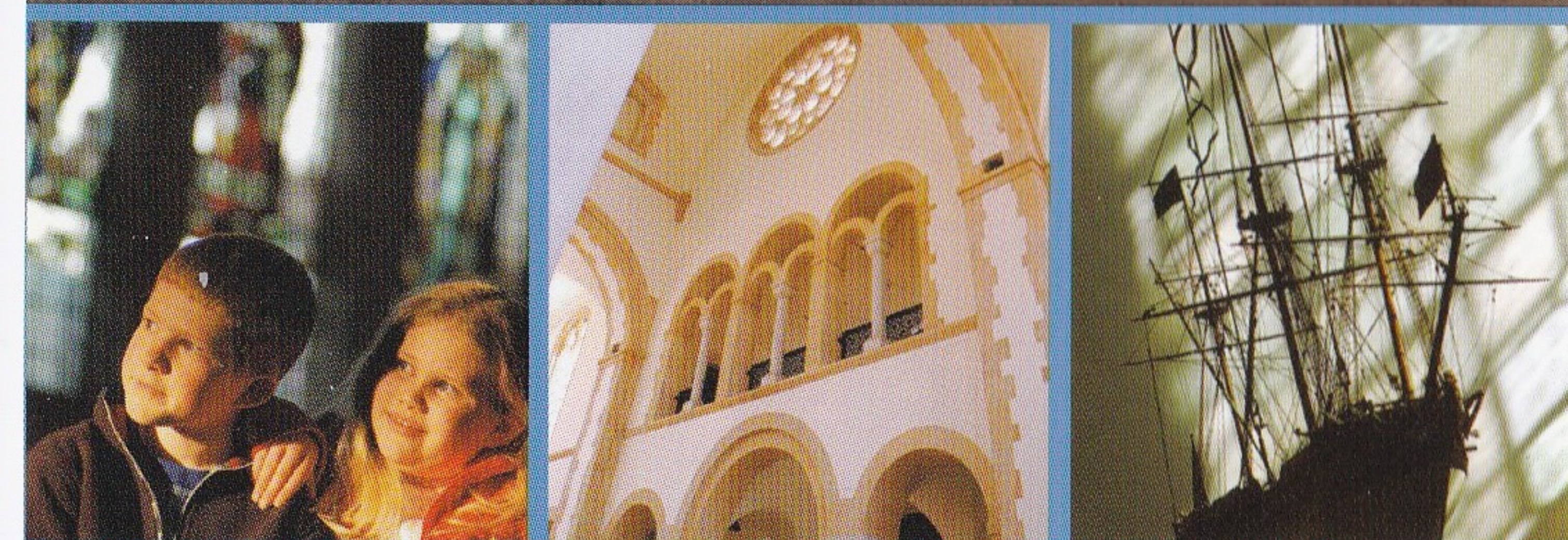
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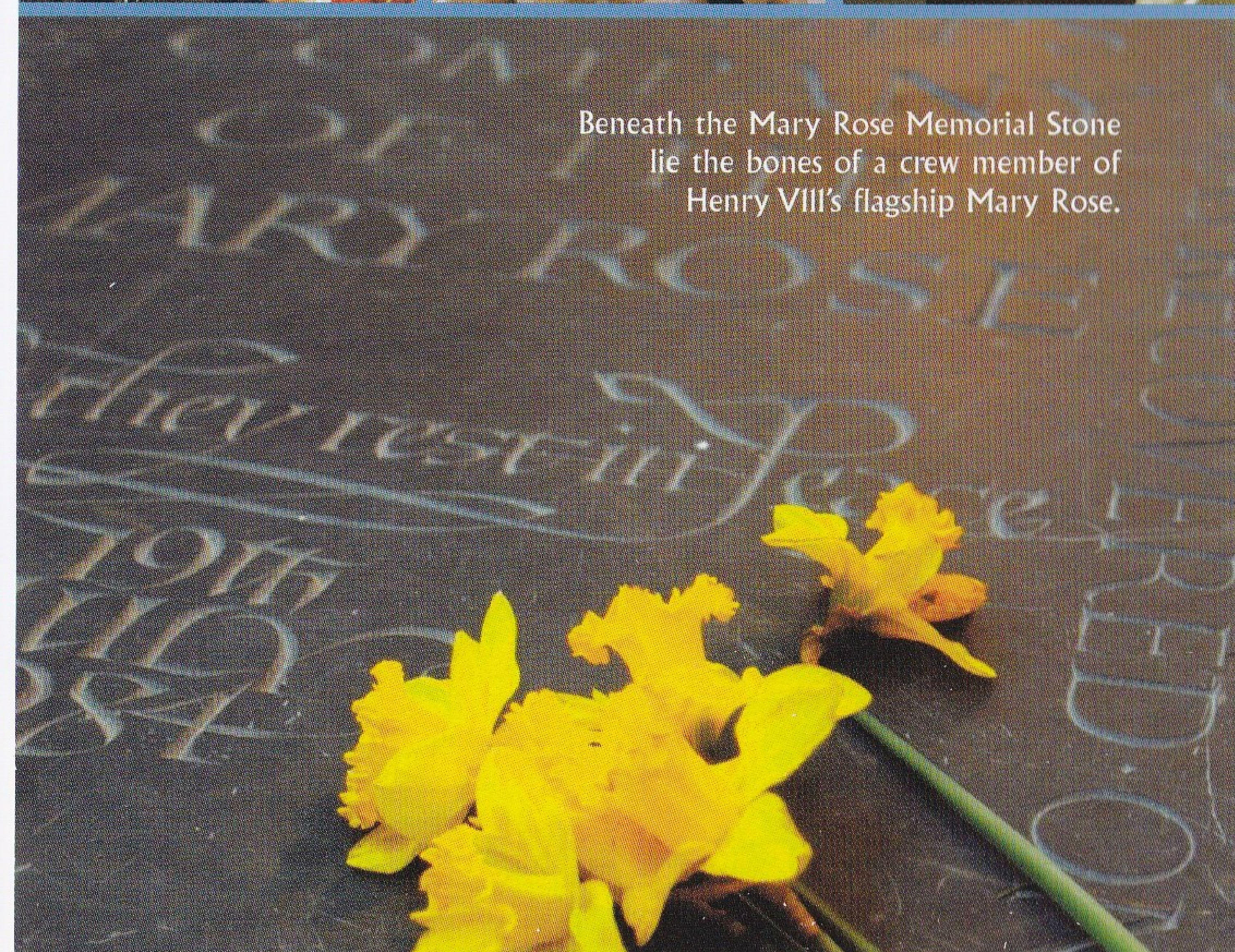
PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL



A precious part of
Portsmouth's history



Beneath the Mary Rose Memorial Stone lie the bones of a crew member of Henry VIII's flagship Mary Rose.



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The Cathedral is an integral part of Portsmouth and its history tells us much about the City.

We are delighted to share a precious part of our faith, culture and heritage with you.

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